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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 683

Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano

February 17, 2011

An act to add ~~Section 29 to the Health and Safety Chapter 6.1~~ (commencing with Section 13710) to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homeless persons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 683, as amended, Ammiano. Homelessness.

Under existing law, various agencies administer programs for the support of homeless persons.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a statewide Homeless Management Information System to compile data from collaborative agencies throughout California for the purpose of developing a composite portrayal of the homeless population in the state, as well as services currently provided to people who are homeless. The bill would also require the department, with the cooperation and collaboration of other specified agencies, to create a deidentified integrated research database comprised of specified information on the homeless population, the services provided to them, and the annual costs of those services. Implementation of the bill would be contingent upon sufficient federal and private sector funds being received to create the Homeless Management Information System.

~~Under existing law, several agencies have prescribed responsibilities relating to homeless persons.~~

~~This bill would define the term homeless to include individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence~~

~~and who have a primary nighttime residence that falls within one or more specified categories.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710)*
2 *is added to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions*
3 *Code, to read:*

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5 *CHAPTER 6.1. HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM*

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7 *13710. (a) The Department of Housing and Community*
8 *Development shall do both of the following:*

9 *(1) Create a statewide Homeless Management Information*
10 *System to compile data from collaborative agencies throughout*
11 *California for the purpose of developing a composite portrayal of*
12 *the homeless population in the state, as well as services currently*
13 *provided to people who are homeless.*

14 *(2) With the cooperation and collaboration of each of the*
15 *following agencies, draft and carry out a strategy to create a*
16 *deidentified integrated research database comprised of information*
17 *from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the State*
18 *Department of Education, the State Department of Health Care*
19 *Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development,*
20 *the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of*
21 *Social Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the State*
22 *Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, to provide*
23 *longitudinal, cost-based studies based on the following*
24 *information:*

25 *(A) The number of people imprisoned each year who were*
26 *homeless upon arrest and the costs of their imprisonment.*

27 *(B) The number of parolees experiencing homelessness each*
28 *year and the costs of their parole.*

29 *(C) The number of children in California schools experiencing*
30 *homelessness.*

31 *(D) Claims for Medi-Cal emergency department, hospital, and*
32 *nursing home services among people experiencing homelessness,*
33 *and the costs of those claims each year.*

1 (E) *The number of children receiving foster care services whose*
2 *family members are homeless and the costs of the foster care*
3 *provided to those children each year.*

4 (F) *The number of people who are homeless receiving services,*
5 *the costs of those services, and outcomes of those services through*
6 *the State Department of Mental Health, State Department of Social*
7 *Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, and State Department*
8 *of Alcohol and Drug Programs.*

9 (G) *The number of people living in housing funded through*
10 *programs administered by the Department of Housing and*
11 *Community Development who were homeless upon admission.*

12 (b) *This section shall be implemented only when sufficient*
13 *federal and private sector funds have been received to create the*
14 *Homeless Management Information System.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. Section 29 is added to the Health and Safety~~
16 ~~Code, to read:~~

17 ~~29. For the purposes of this code, “homeless” includes~~
18 ~~individuals or families that lack a fixed, regular, and adequate~~
19 ~~nighttime residence and who have a primary nighttime residence~~
20 ~~that falls within one or more of the following categories:~~

21 ~~(a) Shelter, including anyone staying in a supervised public or~~
22 ~~private facility that provides temporary living accommodations,~~
23 ~~such as a mission or a homeless or domestic violence shelter, and~~
24 ~~including anyone displaced from housing due to a disaster situation.~~

25 ~~(b) Street, including, but not limited to, the street, the sidewalk,~~
26 ~~a doorway, a park, or a freeway underpass.~~

27 ~~(c) Vehicle, including anyone staying in a car, van, bus, truck,~~
28 ~~RV, or similar vehicle.~~

29 ~~(d) Make-shift, including anyone staying in an enclosure or~~
30 ~~structure that is not authorized or fit for human habitation by~~
31 ~~building or housing codes, including, but not limited to, abandoned~~
32 ~~buildings, “squats,” or substandard apartments and dwellings.~~

33 ~~(e) Doubled-up, including any of the following:~~

34 ~~(1) Anyone staying with friends or extended family members,~~
35 ~~excluding parents and children, because they are otherwise unable~~
36 ~~to obtain housing.~~

37 ~~(2) Any family with children staying in a single room~~
38 ~~occupancy (SRO) hotel room, whether or not they have tenancy~~
39 ~~rights.~~

1 ~~(3) Anyone staying in temporary housing for less than six~~
2 ~~months where the accommodations provided to the person are~~
3 ~~substandard or inadequate, such as a garage, small room, or overly~~
4 ~~crowded space.~~

5 ~~(f) Transitional, including any of the following:~~

6 ~~(1) Anyone staying in an SRO hotel room without tenancy~~
7 ~~rights.~~

8 ~~(2) Anyone formerly homeless within one of the categories~~
9 ~~described in subdivisions (a) to (e), inclusive, who is now~~
10 ~~incarcerated, hospitalized, or living in a treatment program, halfway~~
11 ~~house, or transitional housing.~~

12 ~~(3) Anyone formerly homeless within one of the categories~~
13 ~~described in subdivisions (a) to (e), inclusive, who has obtained~~
14 ~~supportive housing or permanent housing for less than 30 days.~~